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In re the Application of:
Thomas Gildroy Shaw Dixon

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the February 5, 2003 Office Action, please amend claims 11, 21 and 31 in the above identified patent application as indicated on the enclosed pages.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejected claims based on the enclosed Remarks.

A petition is enclosed requesting that the deadline for responding to the office action be extended to the date of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Introductory Comments

Claims 28 and 33 have been allowed. Claims 11-15 were objected to as depending on rejected claims. Claim 11 has been placed in independent form and is believed to now be allowable, along with claims 12-15 which depend thereon.

Claim 1 has been amended to make it clear that the securing means is adapted to secure the protective element to the hot face after the member is embedded in the insulating material. Method claim 21 also has been amended to make it clear that the protective element is secured to the insulating material after the member is embedded in the insulating material. Claim 31 has been amended to correct a typographical error by changing "face wall" to "furnace wall".

Claims 1-19, 21-33, 35 and 38 remain in the application. Below are copies of all claims filed in the application, showing their current status.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the below Remarks.